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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY WRIGHT AND LAINGEN FROM
MOYNIHAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, IN

SUBJ: RUPEE SETTLEMENT: BYRD AMENDMENT

REF: STATE 203123

1. A AM DELIGHTED THAT YOUR ROUND OF CONTACTS WITH
STAFFERS AND MEMBERS OF THE JOINT HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE ON THE AID BILL CONFIRMS THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR
DELETING THE BYRD AMENDMENT REMAIN GOOD.

2. I SEE THAT YOUR CURRENT STRATEGY MAY NOT REQUIRE MY
RETURNING TO WASHINGTON; I REMAIN READY IF NEEDS CHANGE.
IN THE MEANTIME I AM PREPARING MESSAGES TO THE CONFEREES
WHOM I SAW WHILE I WAS IN WASHINGTON. THESE WILL BE
COMING IN BY TELEGRAM. OBVIOUSLY WE SHOULD HAVE ONLY ONE
GENERAL IN THIS CAMPAIGN. THEREFORE IF YOU JUDGE THAT ANY
OF MY MESSAGES SHOULD BE HELD BACK, PLEASE USE YOUR
DISCRETION. JUST LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU DO.

3. AS YOU REQUEST, WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP AWAY FROM
THE PRESS ON THE SUBJECT OF RUPEES AND THE BYRD AMENDMENT.
YOU WILL HAVE NOTICED THAT SWARAN SINGH STUCK TO HIS
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PLEDGE AND SAID NOTHING ON THE SUBJECT WHEN HE RETURNED

TO NEW DELHI.

4. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE SUSTAINED EFFORT THE DEPARTMENT IS MAKING ON THIS ISSUE, DESPITE PREOCCUPATIONS WITH THE MIDDLE EAST.

5. FATHER ROBERT BARRETT IS RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES TO BE OF WHATEVER ASSISTANCE HE CAN WITH CONGRESS. GIVEN HIS RELATIONS WITH SPEAKER MCCORMACK AND THE INTEREST IN THE MCCORMACK HOSPITAL AT BANGALORE, I JUDGE THIS TO BE OF FIRST IMPORTANCE. PLEASE GIVE FATHER BARRETT EVERY COURTESY.
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